

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-8 and 16-23 are elected for prosecution. Due to the Election/Restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, claims 9-15 are withdrawn.

Election/Restriction - Election of Invention for Prosecution

Applicant makes the following election for prosecution – Group I, claims 1-8, and 16-23.

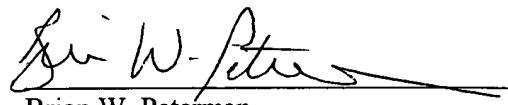
Claims 9-15 (Group II) are withdrawn without prejudice.

Conclusion

Consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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